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## Interstate 17 Construction Update

Overnight I-17 closures at Carefree Highway expected to continue through November for bridge work

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### ***Upcoming Restrictions***

As part of the ongoing improvement project for I-17 and the traffic interchange projects at Jomax Road, Dixileta Drive and Carefree Highway (State Route 74), continued temporary closures and restrictions are scheduled.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Once improvements are underway to Carefree Highway, construction will begin on freeway widening north to Anthem Way.

These projects are some of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley over the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at [www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways](http://www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways).

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions on I-17 - for the most up-to-date listing, check the project [Web site](#):

### Interstate 17 at Carefree Highway (State Route 74)

Sunday, Oct. 28 - Friday, Nov. 2

10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 will be closed at Carefree Highway nightly from Sunday night to Friday morning for bridge work to reconstruct the interchange at Carefree Highway. I-17 traffic will be detoured onto the Carefree Highway interchange ramps. Carefree Highway will be accessible to and from I-17 during this restriction.

Drivers should anticipate minor delays and allow extra time, or adjust travel schedules to avoid closures and restrictions. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct this complex interchange project and build a wider bridge at this location that will be able to handle increased traffic.

#### I-17 from Happy Valley Road to Dixileta Drive

Monday, Oct. 29 - Thursday, Nov. 1

9 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly from Monday night to Thursday morning.

#### Carefree Highway from I-17 to North Valley Parkway

Carefree Highway, just east of I-17, will be restricted to one lane westbound through early 2008 for work related to the reconstruction of the Carefree Highway interchange.

#### I-17 frontage road from Pinnacle Peak Road to Scatter Basin Wash

Friday, Oct. 26 - Thursday, Nov. 1

6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The southbound frontage road on the west side of I-17 will be restricted for work at Scatter Basin Wash.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our [Web site](#) for the most current information about planned I-17 restrictions.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the [ADOT Web site](#).

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#### ***Slow Down in the Work Zone***

As a reminder, the speed limit on I-17 has been reduced to 45 miles per hour during construction of the improvements north of Loop 101, and 25 miles per hour on the frontage roads along this segment of I-17. The reduced speeds are designed to protect workers and motorists in the construction zone. During I-17 construction, plan ahead for unexpected restrictions – and remember to slow down in the work zone.

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or [projectupdate@lewin-associates.com](mailto:projectupdate@lewin-associates.com).
- For information on construction activities, contact Brock Barnhart at 602.712.7176 or [bbarnhart@azdot.gov](mailto:bbarnhart@azdot.gov).
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at [www.az511.com](http://www.az511.com) or call 5-1-1.

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